

**AGENDA**



**Recommendation for Committee Action**

Housing and Community Development Committee	<b>Item ID</b>	56673	<b>Agenda Number</b>	5.
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<b>Meeting Date:</b>	4/13/2016	<b>Department:</b>	Neighborhood and Community Development
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**Subject**

Briefing on community outreach activities for the City's Fiscal Year 2016-2017 Action Plan and the Austin Strategic Housing Plan.

(Notes: SPONSOR: Council Member Sabino "Pio" Renteria, CO 1: Council Member Ann Kitchen)

**Amount and Source of Funding**

**Fiscal Note**

There is no unanticipated fiscal impact. A fiscal note is not required.

<b>Purchasing Language:</b>	
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<b>Prior Council Action:</b>	October 16, 2014 – Austin City Council approved Resolution 20141016-034, on a 5-1 vote, to endorse the HousingWorks report “Taking Action: Preservation of Affordable Housing in Austin,” and to adopt a goal of preserving 20,000 affordable housing units over the next 20 years. The resolution also directed the City Manager to develop a plan to achieve this goal, incorporating various recommendations from the HousingWorks report.
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<b>For More Information:</b>	Contact Erica Leak, Planning and Policy Manager, (512)-974-9375
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<b>Boards and Commission Action:</b>	April 12, 2016 – public hearing before the Community Development Commission on the Fiscal Year 2016-17 Action Plan Community Needs Assessment
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<b>MBE / WBE:</b>	
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<b>Related Items:</b>	
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**Additional Backup Information**

**Fiscal Year 2016-17 Action Plan:** In Fiscal Year 2016-2017, the City of Austin expects to receive continued federal funding through four U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) formula grants: Community Development Block Grant (CDBG), HOME Investment Partnerships Program (HOME), Emergency Solutions Grant (ESG), and Housing Opportunities for Persons with AIDS (HOPWA). In order to receive these HUD grants, the City must submit an annual Action Plan that provides an overview of the community needs, resources, priorities, and proposed activities with regard to housing, community development, economic development and public services. A public hearing, as required by the Citizen Participation Plan and Texas Local Government Code, Chapter 373, is scheduled to be held before the Austin City Council on April 21, 2016. The draft Action Plan will be made available for public comment on or before May 23, 2016. It is anticipated that the Austin City Council will take final action on the Fiscal Year 2016-17 Action Plan on August 4, 2016, prior to HUD's submission deadline of August 15, 2016.

**Austin Strategic Housing Plan:** The first city-wide housing plan in Austin, the Strategic Austin Housing Plan will include numerical goals, timelines, and strategies to maintain and create affordable housing for a range of incomes throughout the city, as envisioned in the Imagine Austin Comprehensive Plan. The Housing Plan will help align resources, ensure a unified strategic direction, and help facilitate community partnerships to achieve this shared vision. The plan will explore funding mechanisms, potential regulations, and other creative approaches the City of Austin should utilize to achieve housing goals. Outreach for the Housing Plan is being coordinated with outreach for the Fiscal Year 2016-17 Action Plan.